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SUBJECT: UGANDA: PARLIAMENT APPROVES SOMALIA DEPLOYMENT

11. On February 13, Parliament approved the deployment of the Uganda Peoples' Defense Forces (UPDF) to Somalia. The Defense and Internal Affairs Committee presented its report recommending the approval of the mission and ruling party parliamentarians debated the resolution for 1 1/2 hours. The resolution carried by a majority vote. The opposition did not participate in the floor debate or vote, but had earlier voiced its support for the deployment. With Parliamentary approval, there are no more legal hurdles to the UPDF deployment.

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